of State for Home Affairs and Dr. P. D. Shenoy, Additional Secretary (Home) visited Manipur from 5th to 7th July, 2001. The team was sent to assess the situation on the spot and meet representatives of political parties, social workers, students groups, Non Governmental Organisations and other associations. The team met and hears these groups and received representations. In a meeting with MPs and MLAs Forum of Manipur on 8th July, 2001, Government decided to review th ceasefire with NSCN(I-M) in its entirety including the words "without territorial limits". Prime Minister also took a meeting with Chief Ministers of six North Eastern States and Governor of Manipur on 27th July, 2001. After considering the views of the State Governments in the North East and the elected representatives and organisations/associations of various NE States, the words "without territorial limits" have been dropped from the ceasefire agreement.

Probe on border lapses

1848. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether for sudden armed intrusion by Bangladesh Rifles, Government have since appointed a probe to fix responsibility on the BSF authorities manning the border for lapses, if any; and

(b) if so, what are their findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. In the face of the unprovoked and unwarranted intrusion by the Bangladesh Rifles forces into the village of Pyrdiwah in the East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya along the India-Bangladesh border in April 2001, the BSF held it ground valiantly and acted in its best judgement. Therefore, there is no question of appointing a 'Probe' to fix responsibility on the BSF authorities manning the India-Bangladesh border.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply given above.